
Woman giving Da'wah

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Question: What is the best way for women to give da'wah?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: I say to the women:

وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ

Remain in your homes²

And you should not concern yourselves with da'wah. I reject the use of the word "da'wah" amongst the male youth by them making it seem like they are from the people of da'wah – as if the word da'wah has become the fashion of modern times. So every individual that knows something about the Religion becomes a Da'ee (caller to Islaam)! And this matter did not stop with the male youth until it was carried over to the female youth and housewives. And in many instances, they have begun to turn away from fulfilling the obligations of their households and their husbands and their children, turning away from these obligations towards something that is not obligatory upon them, such as establishing the da'wah.

The general rule concerning the woman is that she is to stay in her home. And it has not been legislated for her to leave it unless she has a dire need. This is based on the statement of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)³: "**And (praying in) their homes is better for them**", i.e. than the (congregational) prayer in the masjid."

Today we see a prevalent phenomenon amongst the women in that they go out often to the masjids in order to pray the congregational prayer, not to mention the Jumu'ah prayer. In spite of this, their homes are better for them – unless there is a masjid in which the Imaam is a scholar who teaches those attending some aspects from the sciences of the Religion. So in this case, the woman could go out to pray in the masjid in order to listen to the knowledge. There is nothing preventing her from that. As for the woman preoccupying herself with the da'wah(!), then let her sit in her home and read from the books that her husband or brother or other male relatives provide for her.

Furthermore, there is nothing preventing her from setting a day in which she calls the women to come to her house or she goes out to attend the house of one of them. That is better than a group of women going out (to her). One woman going out to a group of women is better for them than all of them going out to her. As for her moving about and travelling, perhaps travelling without a *mahram*⁴, and she justifies that by claiming that she went out for the purpose of da'wah, then these are from the present-day innovations. And I do not specify the women only with that, rather, even some of the male youth speak excessively about the da'wah and yet they have very little knowledge.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Soorah al-Ahzaab [33:33]

³ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁴ A woman's mahram is a person whom she is not permitted to marry and does not have to wear the hijab in front of them.